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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication dated April 20, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-21 and 28-35, and Species 7 (Figure 4C), ***with traverse***. Applicant traverses on the grounds that at least Species 5, 6 and 7 are all readable upon all of the claims in Group I. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be overly burdensome for the Examiner to examine all of the claims of the elected Group at this time.

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